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SAN ANTONIO MAN SENTENCED FOLLOWING GUILTY PLEA ON DRUG, MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES

SAN ANTONIO — A resident here was sentenced Friday to 18 months in federal prison for money laundering, and for illegally possessing with intent to distribute marijuana, announced U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent-in-Charge Alonzo Pena and U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton, Western District of Texas. In addition to his prison term, Flores will be placed under supervised release for three-years after completing his sentence.

Juan Antonio Flores pleaded guilty Oct. 21, 2004 to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and one count of money laundering. ICE agents and local law enforcement officers had previously executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence May 13, 2004. During the search, authorities seized about 23 pounds of marijuana and \$84,160 in cash found inside the garage. In pleading guilty, Flores admitted that the currency was proceeds from the sale of controlled substances and was intended for delivery to the source of supply as payment for the controlled substances.

The following agencies worked in coordination with ICE: the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, San Antonio Police Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charlie Strauss, Western District of Texas, prosecuted the case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.